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(*b*) if so, whether it is necessary to get a certificate from the ration office of the original place and whether necessary instructions have been given to the officials in this connexion?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Except members of the 'Essential Services', others are not issued 'ration cards' to draw 'rations' from fair price shops when they are transferred from one station to another.

Necessary instructions have been issued to all Civil Supplies officials concerned to see that the fair price shop-keepers in the new places register the old 'ration cards' of the members of the 'Essential Services' and issue 'rations' on them at the scale applicable in the new areas.

[*Note* —An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU'S FAST FOR THE FORMATION OF AN ANDHRA STATE.

MR. SPEAKER:—" Mr. Nagi Reddi has given notice of an adjournment motion. The motion reads—

'That the House stands adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—

"The grave situation caused by the failure of the Government to take effective steps to terminate the fast undertaken by Sri Potti Sreeramulu for the formation of Andhra Province for more than 50 days because of which his condition has become very precarious nearing 'Atmarpanam'."'

I may tell the hon. Member that a similar Motion was brought before the House only the other day and I gave a ruling on that. I explained to the hon. Member how a motion on which a ruling has once been given cannot be brought forward again in the same session. He told me that this was a different motion. I do not know how this is different from that. Let the hon. Member now explain how the purpose of this adjournment motion is different."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" అధ్యక్షా, ఈ తీర్మానం చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటిది. దీనికి ఎంతేని ప్రాధాన్యత ఉంది. ఈ తీర్మానములోని విషయం గురించి ఈ శాశన సభలో ఇదివరలో చర్చింపబడినందున ఈ నాడు తిరిగి దానిని చర్చించుట అవసరంలేదని తమరు అభిప్రాయ పడుచున్నట్లుకూడా నాకు తెలుసును. ఇదివరలో శ్రీ పొట్టి శ్రీరాములుగారి ప్రాయోపవేశం గురించి చర్చించిన నాటికి నేటికి పరిస్థితులలో ఎంతో వ్యత్యాసమున్నది. ఈ నాడు ఆయన పరిస్థితిలో ఆనాటికన్న ఎంతో మార్పు వచ్చింది. ఆయన ఆరోగ్యం గురించి వైద్యులు ఎంతో ఆందోళన చెందుతున్నారు. ఈ వాస్తవ పరిస్థితులను మీరు గమనించాలి. శ్రీరాములుగారి ఆరోగ్య విషయమై ఈ ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఎట్టి శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొనక పోవడం ఎంతో విచారకరమైనటువంటి విషయం."

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member should not mention here, whatever might have happened elsewhere."

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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" He is only answering the argument that was put forward, namely, that it is a matter concerning the Central Government and this Government has nothing to do with it."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ ప్రభుత్వం వారికికూడా శ్రీరాములుగారి ఆరోగ్యం విషయమై శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొనవలసిన బాధ్యత ఉంది. ఆంధ్ర ప్రజానీకమంతా శ్రీరాములుగారి ప్రాణరక్షణార్థమై ఈ ప్రభుత్వం ఎట్టి చర్యలు తీసుకొంటుందా అని తహ లాడుచున్నారు. ఈ వాస్తవ పరిస్థితులను అధ్యక్షులవారు గుర్తించవలెనని కోరుతున్నాను. ఇది ఢిల్లీకి సంబంధించిన విషయమనే మీరు భావించరాదని విజ్ఞప్తి చేస్తున్నాను. ఈ ప్రభుత్వానికి కూడా ఇందులో బాధ్యత ఉంది. శ్రీరాములుగారి ఆరోగ్యం ఆ రోజు కా రోజు క్షీణించుకొని పోతూంది."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is the hon. Member arguing the point that a motion ruled out previously should not be brought forward again for the same reasons? "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ పరిస్థితులలో మన ప్రభుత్వం శ్రద్ధ చూపవలసి ఉంది. ప్రభుత్వం తనకేమి పట్టనట్లుంటే ఆంధ్ర ప్రజానీకంయొక్క కోపాగ్నికి వారు గురికావలసివస్తుంది. అందువల్ల ఈ విషయమై మీరు ఈ ప్రభుత్వానికి కూడా బాధ్యత ఉన్నదని గమనించవలసి ఉంది. ఈ నాడున్న ఉద్రిక్త పరిస్థితులను సరిగా అర్థం చేసుకొనవలసినదని, అట్టి విషమ పరిస్థితులు ఏర్పడకుండుటకుగాను ఈ ప్రభుత్వం వారికి మా అభిప్రాయాలను పూర్తిగా తెలియజేసే అవకాశమిస్తూ ఈ విరామ తీర్మానం చర్చించుటకు అనుమతి ఇవ్వమని మిమ్ములను కోరుతున్నాను."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, you were pleased to say that the same subject has already been disposed of. If I felt it was disposed of last time, I would not rise here now. When the adjournment motion was moved on the last occasion, it was sought to discuss the fast of Sri Potti Sreeramulu. The substance of this motion although it relates in particular to Sri Potti Sreeramulu, it relates really to some other points, namely, the position . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Our Government is not responsible. It is not due to the failure of the Government to take effective steps. What can our Government do in this matter? I am not able to understand."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, whether the Government are responsible or not, we will certainly point out, if you are pleased to allow two hours for this discussion . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In other words the hon. Member is asking me to admit the motion. Instead of saying, ' admit the motion ' the hon. Member asks for two hours for discussing this matter."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" What I am submitting is this. At the time of considering whether this motion is or is not in order, I cannot go through all the steps by which I would try to fix the responsibility on the Government. The fact is, not merely the Central Government, but this Government also are responsible

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and have got a hand in the matter and so all of us feel that this Government have not taken the steps which lay in their power to take with regard to this matter. This Government not having discharged their responsibilities, certain consequences have followed. That is the substance of this motion. The fast of Sri Potti Sreeramulu is only one result and the consequences of that position are the serious repercussions in the country, the tension. The day of the fast being the 52nd or the 53rd has added to the urgency of this motion . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" On the other hand it has become delayed . . ."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I submit, Sir, the condition of the gentleman is growing more and more serious from minute to minute. The consequences are not going to abate. On the other hand the consequences likely to follow this fast are increasing.

" This subject is a different one from the previous motion and apart from the absolute technicalities of the rules with regard to the adjournment motion, I am asking you to stretch a point in favour of us and allow a debate so that the Government will be in a position to make a comprehensive statement and we will also be in a position to place our view point before the Government. You will be doing a good thing if you give a liberal interpretation to the rule in favour of this motion."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Last time a motion was brought before this House to discuss a specific question, namely, the fast of Sri Potti Sreeramulu and the daily deteriorating condition of the gentleman as a result of the continuance of the fast. But this motion is entirely a different one. This motion categorically charges the Government with failure to do certain things which only can avert the serious consequences that will follow if any calamity should befall this gentleman. In view of the fact that the entire Andhra people are to-day tremendously agitated over this important question, there is a specific responsibility on the Government to do certain things. It was stated that it was the specific responsibility of the Central Government to carve out a State for the Andhras. But even so, this Government can take immediate steps which would ensure the early formation of an Andhra State. It is not enough for the Government to come forward and say : ' They can have the State if there is agreement with regard to the Madras City.' We are aware of the fact that during the time of the agitation for swaraj the British Government stated : ' If there is agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League, the Indians can have swaraj.' There is a specific responsibility cast on the Government to do what is considered to be just to satisfy the aspirations of the people for the formation of States on a linguistic basis. Irrespective of the claims and counter-claims for Madras City, irrespective of these things, a State can certainly be created and the Madras Government can take steps towards that

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end. Therefore, Sir, we feel very strongly that just as the British Government was using the discord between the Muslim League and the Congress to prevent our getting independence, the Government at the Centre as well as the Government in this State are using this discord over the City of Madras for preventing the formation of a separate State for the Andhras. That is the specific charge. Because we feel Government have failed to do certain things, this motion has been moved. We feel that this Government can do certain things. Some of us feel very strongly that the Government have failed to take steps on the basis of justice. Let us not go into the question of claims and counter-claims put forward by different groups. On the basis of justice, let the Government satisfy the aspirations of the people for the formation of linguistic States. Therefore we feel, Sir, this is entirely a different motion and if this motion is allowed we can have a discussion and the Government can understand what exactly is the position."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, in the competition for the advocacy of the particular adjournment motion, we are going farther and farther away from the points with which we are concerned at the present moment. Is the adjournment motion, which is said to be based on urgency, concerned with the Andhra partition or with the fast? If it is concerned with the partition question and the justification for the formation of an Andhra State on which Mr. Ramamurthi dwelt with great emphasis in the last speech, there is no question of urgency or emergency about it for which an adjournment motion can be brought now in this
3 p.m. House. Therefore if we wish to make out a case of urgency, we have to go back to the fast. On that you have already given a ruling and I think I have also dealt with the question in a way this morning in the other House and I am quite certain in my mind conscientiously and justly that a debate on the adjournment motion will not save the situation either of the Andhra Province or of the fast."

The hon. Member Sri T. Nagi Reddi rose to speak.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is no right of reply for the hon. Member."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I strongly object to this discussion on the point of order being longer than a debate on the adjournment motion itself if allowed."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" మీరు అక్కడ మాట్లాడినది ఏమిటని అడుగుతున్నాను ?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member can see it in to-morrow's morning papers or from the report of the Council."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. Nagi Reddi along with the Leader of the Opposition brought this adjournment

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motion to me and I explained to them that a similar motion was ruled out last time and that a motion which had been ruled out could not be brought again in a different language. If for argument's sake it is conceded that this is a different motion, the present motion reads: 'The grave situation caused by the failure of the Government to take effective steps . . .'. I have already told the House that this is a matter to be dealt with by the Centre. But I respect the feeling and honesty of the hon. Member, Sri T. Nagi Reddi, because he told me that he brought forward this motion as he honestly felt that this Government were responsible for the failure in not giving an Andhra Province and not for staging a walk-out. However, as I have already explained fully, I rule this adjournment motion out of order."

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. When we discussed the question of this adjournment motion with you, we certainly told you about our attitude when you asked us, 'Is this adjournment motion for staging a walk-out?'; we mean no disrespect to the Chair or to the ruling given by the Chair. But some of us very strongly feel that the Government of Madras could have done something. I am not questioning the ruling given by you, Sir. But I just want to say, as a mark of protest against the attitude of the Government, some of us will walk out of this House for a few minutes."

Then, some Members led by Sri P. Ramamurthi walked out of the House.

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 9th December 1952, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'I transmit a copy of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1952), as agreed to by the Council without any amendment and signed by me.' "

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES (TAXATION OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS) BILL, 1952—*cont.*

Clause 3—cont.

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now resume the discussion on clause 3 of the Bill."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I submit, Sir, that in a similar case in 1925, if I remember correct, when about 44 Members of the then Swaraj Party walked out of the Central Assembly, the then President, Sri Vithalbhai Patel, said that he would not proceed further with the business of the House when a good number